

Niello, Supervisor, Sacramento County; and public witnesses.

#### **POSTAL CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Chairman Davis, but action was deferred on H.R. 735, Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003.

#### **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Ose, Rohrabacher and Maloney, but action was deferred on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Green of Texas or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw and Jefferson.

#### **SBA OFFICE OF ADVOCACY—IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing to Improve and Strengthen the SBA Office of Advocacy. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD'S MOVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's Move to the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and JayEtta

Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

#### **FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schiff, Udall of Colorado, Emanuel, Forbes, Putnam, Sherman, Berman, Woolsey, Visclosky, Kilpatrick, Rogers of Alabama, Shays, Biggert, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Michaud, Nunes, McNulty, Royce and Honda.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### **BRIEFING—SENSITIVE PROGRAM**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Program. The Committee was briefed by my departmental witnesses.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the fiscal year 2004 Navy Budget, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine aviation's safety and security issues, and financial challenges facing the aviation industry, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA manned space flight, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to military encroachment, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider original legislation entitled "Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2003", "Clean Diamond Trade Act", and "Tax Court Modernization Act", the nominations of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Harry A. Haines, of Montana,

Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to resume hearings to examine foreign assistance oversight, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: business meeting to consider S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", "Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003", "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on GSA Building Cost Drivers, 10 a.m., and on OPM, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the fiscal year national defense authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force tactical weapon system acquisition programs and future technology initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs Activities, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to continue markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Rating the Rating Agencies: the State of Transparency and Competition," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on Nonimmigrant Student Tracking: Implementation and Proposed Modifications, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the Energy Security Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, to continue hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up H.R. 810, Medical Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on National Reconnaissance Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine arming rogue regimes, focusing on the role of OSCE participating states, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon Building.